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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 7, 2007, imposing a restriction requirement between the pending claims of the above application, <u>Applicant hereby elects</u> Group I, which comprises claims 1-29 and 42-45. This election is made <u>with traverse</u>. The pending claims are included in Appendix A.

Accordingly, please amend and cancel the remaining claims as set forth in Appendix A. This cancellation is made without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 or §1.117 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

If Applicant or its representative may be of any assistance to the Patent Office in connection with this matter, the undersigned counsel would welcome a telephone call or other communication from the Patent Office.

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